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Response to Applicants' Communication

1. Claims 81-95 are pending in this communication filed 07/27/06 entered as Response After Non-Final Action and New or Additional Drawings. Claims 81, 85, 86, 90, 91, and 95 have been amended. The Specification and drawing figures 3a, 3b, 6, 11, and 13 have been amended.

The amendment filed on is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following matter: there were 13 pages of Specification amended and the amendment fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 because a clean copy (unmarked up copy) of the Specification was not submitted.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).


This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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